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Dear Emory:

Little as you and he think he told you, it may be that Fisher told you quite a bit, including what he did not intend. I will explain it to you, asking that you please say not a word to anyone, for I will want to use it and follow it down, to the degree I can. I hope you can plague him a bit more. The thing he evaded is your excellent question, "Do you know of any anatomical or skeletal explanation for this phenomenon?" He does, of course: the scapula is the most floating bone in the body. It shifts about two inches upward when the body is prone, and is it even in any other position for an autopsy? His error is in this language in his second paragraph: "...and from the studies which we personally did on cadaver material in a medical Department of anatomy..." There is no reference to any such study in the whole damned report and such a study is contradictory to the declared purposes of convoking the panel but quite consistent with the misuse to which the report was put. If you reply, why not ask him why, if the evidence was as clear as the government says it was, he had to make personal studies on cadaver material and, since you may be writing about it, what kind a for what purpose or purposes. If he fails to answer, I'd like to use the question. Would you object? Or to your name being used? I prefer giving credit, but it sometimes is no favor to the credited. And you could ask him again if there might not be an anatomical or skeletal explanation of the seeming inconsistencies. Let him not answer that, too, though in the form in which you have sent it to me it is enough. I move that in POINT MORTEN III anyway, but the letters in the appendix would illustrate guilty knowledge and evasion.

If the government does not have him under pressure - and it may not- the requirements of his own reputation most certainly do. When you see what I have already done to and with him in PM III you will understand. That book needs no more, but I will be adding to it.

On the ED, I have no objection to military people knowing of your interest in learning what those letters could represent in Russian. Particularly if it told me the answer.

On Odum, I do not think it necessary to check for the right years. Your friend, who was very accomodating, didn't. I have forgotten which, but it was after 1963 and before 1969. He lived in Irving. And I suspect AL, CO and OR as phone exchanges are New York. I know all three are used there.

Very helpful. Many thanks.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg